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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

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RE: Northern Michigan Basic Wireless Cellular Coverage Initiative

To whom it may concern:

Upper Michigan, especially the Upper Peninsula, consists mainly of State and Federally owned land and commercial forests. The effect of this; is largely unpopulated regions and economies of scale do not support large investments by private companies to fill in the gaps in cell phone coverage.

For decades the State of Michigan has been selling off mining and timber rights to private companies, they in turn, have been mining and harvesting these natural resources. This Region has been largely unpopulated due to the value of these natural resources.

Many times on remote highways, seasonal residents, campers (people) will have to drive to get help; first responders are sometimes delayed by as much as 2 hours.

Now that the communication/information era has arrived, it is imperative that Northern Michigan obtain adequate coverage to keep pace with the rest of the world, or it will surely be left behind, and we can only look to more austerity.

I submit that it is time for those entities that have enjoyed the revenues from this Regions wealth, put back a small percentage of this wealth, so that the Region may keep pace.

This initiative is seeking aid from any entity that can assist in bringing this matter to the attention of the State and Federal Government, Legislature and Agencies, Telecommunications Providers and the Residents of Northern Michigan.

I have included a resolution and a list of entities that have passed it and I would appreciate more from anyone who would like to join in. I can be contacted at the address and number above or by e-mail at [markrvrd@yahoo.com](mailto:markrvrd@yahoo.com). Or you can contact Bernard H. Yantz, 866 Pine Grove Avenue, Traverse City, Mi. 49686, phone # (231) 946-2076, e-mail [byantz@carter.net](mailto:byantz@carter.net).

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11. Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission (Tri-County – Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce County)
12. Wells Township, Marquette County
13. Lake County

**MORE ON THE WAY;**

Including UPCAP, (the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress) representing 15 counties in the Upper Peninsula.

Sincerely:

Mark Rivard  
Luce County Code Administrator

Cc: Bernard Yantz, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Procurement Specialist  
Ron Ford, Luce County Board of Commissioners